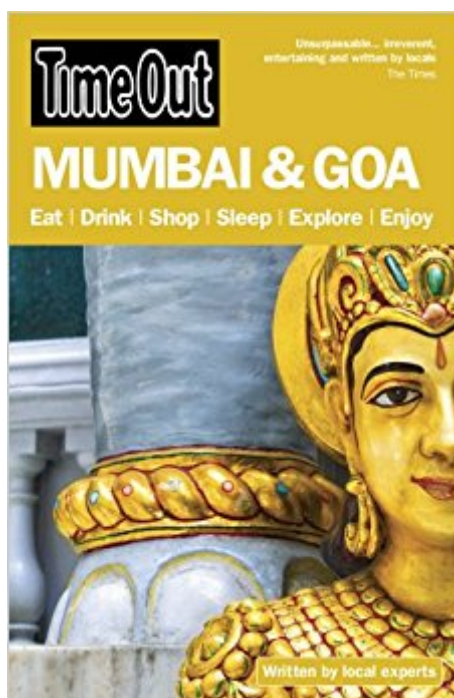


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Compiled by the staff of Time Out Mumbai, this is the definitive guide to the area. A chaotic, 13-million-strong melting pot of ethnic groups from all over India, Mumbai—still called Bombay by many who live there—is India's economic engine and home to the world's largest film industry. Hooked on money, glamour and corruption, the city is now reinventing itself. New bars, restaurants and shopping malls are multiplying to service a thriving middle class; new construction is frenzied; and TV, radio and print media are booming. Six hundred kilometres away, the golden beaches of Goa feel like another country. Still the party paradise it always was, Goa is now determined to go upmarket, restoring its capital city, turning heritage sites into boutique hotels and hosting an annual international film festival that hopes one day to rival Cannes. Drawing on insider expertise, Time Out is uniquely placed to guide you through both locales.

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When I buy a travel guide, my first choice is always Time Out. Mumbai isn't Paris, London, etc. For many people, the trip for which they buy this is their first trip to the city. Mumbai is huge and complex, and fascinating. The book seems to need more detail, more information in every department. I'm still at a loss of why they threw in Goa rather than devoting that space to Mumbai. As usual, Time Out tends to restrict the areas of each city it covers to the parts that are most trendy. But cities are more than that...and the most enjoyable moments of a trip can come from exploring the areas of the beaten track. All in all, still less puff than the other major brands of guides...so yeah, spring for it.

Obviously aimed at the more well-heeled traveler (but who else can afford a ticket to India), and also focused mostly on the southern, older, part of Mumbai where most of the tourists go, this book is especially useful because of its introductory essays, which place the fascinating Bombay into a couple millennia of Indian history. I was only in Mumbai, so can't speak to its usefulness for Goa. Good start to figuring out an inscrutable land.

There were many interesting facts, cultural things, history, fun ideas, architecture and food discussed. It makes me want to one day visit India. From the ancient Indus civilization, to Greek, Mughal and European colonial eras, to the variety of dialects, ethnic groups and religions in the areas, it taught me a lot about India. They didn't say much about the Parsis (Zoroastrians) or Jews who lived there though. Unfortunately I lost the book, but if I find where I put it, it will be great to pick up where I left off.

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